

Finance, M.S.

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
45 s.h. of graduate level coursework must be completed; up to 6 s.h. of graduate transfer credits allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. ^a		
Maintain at least a 2.75 cumulative and program GPA.		
Hours		0
First Year		
Any Semester		
Meet with your Career Management coach and Professional Director.		
Attend Career Management Center sessions offered.		
Apply to and secure a summer internship or arrange a summer research project.		
Hours		0
Fall		
BAIS:9100	Data and Decisions	3
FIN:9220	Fixed Income Securities	3
FIN:9400	Professional Development and Business Acumen ^b	1
MBA:8140	Corporate Financial Reporting	3
MBA:8170	International Economic Environment of the Firm	3
MBA:8180	Managerial Finance	3
Arrange for the Career Management Center to review updated resume, then upload to Handshake.		
Hours		16
Spring		
FIN:9150	Financial Modeling and Firm Valuation	2
FIN:9200	Portfolio Management	3
FIN:9300	Corporate Investment and Financing Decisions	3
FIN:9400	Professional Development and Business Acumen ^b	1
MBA:8130	Business Communication ^c	1
Elective course ^d		3
Elective or experiential elective ^{d, e}		3
Complete end of semester employment placement survey as directed by Career Management.		
Hours		16
Summer		
Internship: complete a summer internship ^f		

Research: complete a summer research project ^f		
Hours		0
Second Year		
Fall		
FIN:9210	Derivatives	3
MBA:8130	Business Communication ^c	1
Elective course ^d		3
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Elective or experiential elective ^{d, e}		3
Complete end of semester employment placement survey as directed by Career Management.		
Meet with your Career Management coach and Professional Director.		
Attend Career Management Center sessions offered.		
Verify completion of all degree requirements with program administrator.		
Apply to and secure post-graduation employment.		
Hours		13
Total Hours		45

- Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.
- FIN:9400 is taken during both fall and spring of the first year for a total of 2 s.h.
- MBA:8130 is taken during both first year spring and second year fall for a total of 2 s.h.
- Choose electives from a pre-approved list or with departmental approval.
- Spring experiential electives: FIN:9225, FIN:9391, or FIN:9250 (must also take FIN:9260 in fall). Fall experiential electives: FIN:9225, FIN:9391, FIN:9390, FIN:9260 (must have taken FIN:9250 in spring).
- Apply to and secure a summer internship or arrange a summer research project.